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SUBJ: DRAFT RESOLUTION OF MEDIUM-TERM PLAN - BELGIUM,
EGYPT, GHANA, KENYA, NETHERLANDS, TRINIDAD/TOBAGO

1. TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AS NUMBERED PARA 3
IS JOINT RESOLUTION FOR MEDIUM-TERM PLAN.

2. FOR DEPARTMENT: VOTING EXPECTED EARLY NEXT WEEK.
REQUEST GUIDANCE.

3. QTE: THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
RECALLING THE RELEVANT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AD HOC
COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS TO EXAMINE THE FINANCES OF THE UNITED
NATIONS AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, 1/

RECALLING ALSO ITS RESOLUTIONS 3199 (XXVIII) OF 18
DECEMBER 1973, 3392 (XXX) OF 20 NOVEMBER 1975 AND 3534
(XXX) OF 17 DECEMBER 1975,

BEARING IN MIND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS
2008 (LX) OF 14 MAY 1976 AND 1919 (LXI) OF 3 AUGUST 1976,

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HAVING CONSIDERED THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD

1978-1981, 2/ CHAPTER III, SECTION H AND CHAPTER VII,
SECTION A OF THE REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,
3/ THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-
ORDINATION ON THE WORK OF ITS SIXTEENTH SESSION, 4/
THE REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE
AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS ON THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN (A/31/139),
THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT ON
MEDIUM-TERM PLANNING IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM
(A/C.5/31/15),

CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED FOR FURTHER HARMONIZATION OF PROGRAMMES
THROUGHOUT THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM,

1. TAKES NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE MEDIUM-TERM
PLAN AND ACCEPTS IT IN THE LIGHT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS
AND CONCLUSIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS AS THE FRAMEWORK
FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE 1978-1979 PROGRAMME BUDGET;

2. URGES EACH ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS
SYSTEM TO PLAN ITS ACTIVITIES, BEARING IN MIND THE RELATED
PROGRAMMES PLANNED OR BEING CARRIED OUT IN OTHER PARTS OF
THE SYSTEM;

3. DECIDES THAT THE FUTURE MEDIUM-TERM PLANS OF THE
UNITED NATIONS SHOULD BE PREPARED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING
PROCEDURE:

(A) THE DRAFT MEDIUM-TERM PLANS PROPOSED BY THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL SHOULD EMBODY:

(I) A SHORT STATEMENT PROVIDING AN OVER-ALL FORWARD
LOOK FROM HIS VANTAGE POINT ON THE BASIS OF PAST DELIBERATIONS
AND DECISIONS OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANS, THE EXPRESSED
VIEWS OF MEMBER STATES AND COLLECTIVE ADVICE OF HIS COLLEAGUES,
IN WHICH HE WOULD CALL THE ATTENTION TO CHANGES IN ORIENTATION
WHICH, IN HIS OPINION, ARE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO RESPOND
TO CHANGES IN THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE AND TO MEET FUTURE
NEEDS;

(II) A SET OF DOCUMENTS IN WHICH EACH MAJOR PROGRAMME,
DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LEGISLATIVE DECISIONS, IS
PRESENTED IN A CONSOLIDATED MANNER;

(III) THE FOLLOWING FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

A. ANY APPROVED ALLOCATIONS IN THE CURRENT REGULAR
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BUDGET;

B. THE ACTUAL EXTRABUDGETARY EXPENDITURE FOR THE
PRECEDING YEAR OR BIENNium;

C. ESTIMATES, IN PERCENTAGE TERMS ONLY, OF THE
PROPORTION OF EACH PROGRAMME'S ALLOCATIONS DURING THE PLANNING
PERIOD THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL INTENDS TO DEVOTE TO
EACH SUBPROGRAMME;

D. INDICATIONS OF THE TIME-PHASING OF PLANNED

ACTIVITIES;

E. AS APPROPRIATE AND, IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE, APPROXIMATE AMOUNTS ALLOCATED OR EXPENDED (AS IN A. AND B. ABOVE) ON RELATED ACTIVITIES BY OTHER ORGANS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM;

(IV) INDICATIVE PROJECTIONS OF FUTURE BUDGETARY ORDERS OF MAGNITUDE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS, UNDER THE REGULAR BUDGET AND FROM EXTRABUDGETARY RESOURCES FOR THE PLAN AS A WHOLE AND BY MAJOR PROGRAMMES WHICH WOULD NEITHER CONSTITUTE CEILINGS NOR BE BINDING UPON MEMBER STATES;

(V) APPROPRIATE INFORMATION ON HOW PROPOSED UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMMES WOULD RELATE TO ACTIVITIES OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM;

(B) THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS FOLLOWING THE PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL IN ITS DECISION 139 (ORG-76) OF 15 JANUARY 1976;

(C) AFTER APPROVAL BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN WILL CONSTITUTE THE PRINCIPAL POLICY DIRECTIVE OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH:

(I) STATES THE MEDIUM-TERM OBJECTIVES TO BE ATTAINED IN A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD;

(II) DESCRIBES THE STRATEGY TO BE FOLLOWED TO THAT EFFECT AND THE MEANS OF ACTION TO BE USED;

(III) GIVES AN INDICATIVE ESTIMATE OF THE NECESSARY RESOURCES IN OVER-ALL TERMS AND BY MAJOR PROGRAMME;

4. ENDORSES THE REMAINING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION NOT COVERED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE AND EXPRESSES APPRECIATION FOR THE COMMENTS OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS;

5. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO TAKE MEASURES TO INVOLVE MORE CLOSELY THE SECTORAL, FUNCTIONAL AND REGIONAL PROGRAMME-FORMULATING ORGANS IN THE PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING PROCESS;

6. URGES THOSE ORGANS TO REFRAIN FROM UNDERTAKING NEW ACTIVITIES NOT PROGRAMMED IN THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN AND THE SUBSEQUENT PROGRAMME BUDGET UNLESS A PRESSING NEED OF AN UNFORESEEABLE NATURE ARISES AS DETERMINED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

7. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ENSURE THAT NO SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES INTENDED TO FUND NEW PROGRAMMES OR EXPAND EXISTING ONES SHALL BE SUBMITTED UNTIL THE PLANNING AND PROGRAMME BUDGETING PROCEDURE REFERRED TO ABOVE HAS BEEN COMPLIED WITH, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY DECIDE THAT EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES
DEMAND OTHERWISE;

8. DECIDES THAT THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-
ORDINATION SHALL FUNCTION AS THE MAIN SUBSIDIARY ORGAN OF
THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FOR PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND CO-ORDINATION AND APPROVES
THE CONSOLIDATED TERMS OF REFERENCE AS SET OUT IN
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2008 (LX)
OF 14 MAY 1976;

9. INSTRUCTS THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO-
ORDINATION IN PARTICULAR TO:

(A) REVIEW IN DEPTH, ON A SELECTIVE BASIS, THE MAJOR
PROGRAMMES OF THE PLAN AND RECOMMEND ANY NECESSARY AMENDMENTS
TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

(B) DETERMINE WHICH PROGRAMMES OR SUBPROGRAMMES ARE
OBSOLETE, OF MARGINAL USEFULNESS OR INEFFECTIVE AND RECOMMEND,
AS APPROPRIATE, THEIR CURTAILMENT OR TERMINATION;

(C) ASSESS THE DEGREE OF SUBSTANTIVE CO-ORDINATION OF
SELECTED PROGRAMMES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AND
RECOMMEND THE APPROPRIATE ACTION THEREON.

1/ OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TWENTY-
FIRST SESSION, ANNEXES, AGENDA ITEM 80, DOCUMENT A/6343.

2/ IBID., THIRTY-FIRST SESSION, SUPPLEMENT NO. 6A
(A/31/6/ADD.1 AND CORR.1-5).

3/ SEE IBID., SUPPLEMENT NO. 3 (A/31/3).
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